

Application Serial No. 09/355,664
Amendment dated October 21, 2003
Reply to Office Action dated May 22, 2003

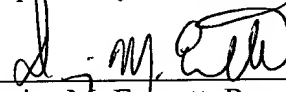
REMARKS

The Official Action dated May 22, 2003 and the Advisory Action dated September 12, 2003 have been carefully considered. Accordingly, the changes presented herewith are believed sufficient to place the present application in condition for allowance.

Claims 9 and 10 remain in this application. Claims 1, 2, 5-8, 42 and 43 have been canceled without prejudice. In the Official Action of May 22, 2003, the Examiner acknowledged that claims 9 and 10 are directed to allowable subject matter. The cancellations of the remaining claims do not involve any introduction of new matter and do not raise any new issues subsequent to final rejection, whereby entry is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the Official Action, and places the present application fully in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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